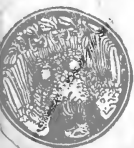


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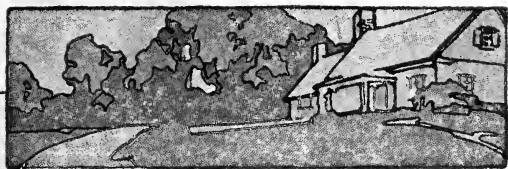


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MY boy, you
cease to come
at night
To gladly climb upon
my knee;
Your childhood days
have taken flight,
And soon you will
be leaving me.





I may not greet
you with a
kiss

Lest I your manhood
should offend;

But, oh, my boy,
remember this:

That I remain your
stanchest friend.





YOUR work is
waiting for
your hand,
The world will call
to you ere long
To serve or to as-
sume command,
To show if you are
weak or strong.





MY boy, your
playtime soon
shall be

A pleasant memory

—no more,

But in your need

come back to me,

Nor pause to knock

upon my door!





THE world may
strive to break
your will,
Your trust in sorrow
oft may end,
But come what may,
remember still
That I remain your
faithful friend.



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